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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002. Please enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 8.

- 9. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the bioactive compound has a molecular weight of no more than 1000Da and has an UV absorption maximum of 260nm.
- 16. (Amended) The composition of claim 12 wherein the extract has a molecular weight of no more than 1000 Da and has a UV absorption maximum at 260nm.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert on page 5, in line 24 after the word "microorganism." The following sentence: f-Further contemplated compositions may also include a tocol.--

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